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Reporting for the week ending September 10, 2006.

General

Arkansas producers saw temperatures that were at or below normal last week. The small amount precipitation that fell was mainly in the Northwest corner of the state. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 24% very short, 51% short, and 25% adequate.

Crops

Corn harvest was 85% complete, while 30% of the state's rice had been harvested. Rice and cotton were both in good condition. In respect to cotton acres in Arkansas, more than half of the cotton bolls had opened, defoliant was being applied in many areas and harvest had begun. Last week, 58% of soybeans had yellowed and 41% had shed. Soybeans fields were sprayed for insects. Soybeans were still able to remain in fair to good condition. Sorghum harvest was 76% complete, a full 19 points ahead of the five year average. Ground preparations were still underway for winter wheat planting.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair condition. Many producers continued to feed their animals hay due to continued dry conditions. In addition to lack of water, armyworms also lowered the quality of pastures throughout the state.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg	
Corn	Harvested	85	65	62	68	
Cotton	Bolls Open	66	47	81	61	
	Harvested	3	0	1	0	
Rice	Harvested	30	14	21	26	
Sorghum	Mature	95	90	85	89	
	Harvested	76	59	50	57	
Soybeans	Yellowed	58	46	54	35	
	Shedding	41	29	40	29	
	Matured	29	21	26	21	
	Harvested	20	14	19	9	

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
Cotton	1	7	27	47	18	
Rice	1	5	27	51	16	
Soybeans	9	16	33	33	9	
Hay-Other	19	27	34	18	2	
Hay-Alfalfa	16	32	42	10	0	
Pasture & Range	19	34	34	12	1	

	Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 11, 2006								
		Temperatures			Rainfall				
				Dep from	Wk Ending	Sept.	Sept.	Jan -	August
District	Station	High	Low	Normal	Sept. 11	Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	87	51	-5	0.67	1.24	2.08	26.10	30.14
	Harrison	90	51	-2	0.05	0.20	1.89	35.56	29.65
N. Central	Calico Rock	87	51	-2	0.00	0.01	1.78	37.21	30.02
	Gilbert	92	49	-5	0.00	0.50	1.67	28.79	29.27
	Greers Ferry	88	57	-4	0.00	0.00	1.74	33.20	32.94
	Mtn. Home	88	57	-2	0.00	0.02	1.87	32.93	29.11
Northeast	Batesville	89	57	-2	0.00	0.85	1.62	33.47	31.24
	Jonesboro	91	57	-3	0.00	0.00	1.34	32.28	30.77
	Keiser	91	57	-2	0.00	0.01	1.55	40.31	33.96
	Newport	93	59	-2	0.00	0.22	1.54	34.69	32.11
W. Central	Booneville	91	55	-4	0.00	0.05	1.59	26.91	31.34
	Clarksville	92	59	-1	0.00	0.06	1.60	25.65	30.28
	Dardanelle	92	55	-3	0.00	0.00	1.50	27.79	31.96
	Ft. Smith	93	56	-3	0.01	0.01	1.49	30.07	28.87
	Mena	89	54	-3	0.00	0.20	1.80	27.38	37.78
	Ozark	90	58	-4	0.00	0.00	1.50	34.36	29.28
Central	Conway	92	59	-2	0.00	0.00	1.55	31.79	31.65
	Hot Springs	94	56	-2	0.00	0.50	1.64	28.63	37.71
	Little Rock	92	60	-1	0.00	0.19	1.58	30.09	33.26
	N. Little Rock	94	62	-2	0.00	0.15	1.58	29.41	28.96
E. Central	Brinkley	88	56	-4	0.00	0.00	1.29	33.71	34.06
	Marianna	90	58	-1	0.00	0.36	1.34	28.26	36.11
	Stuttgart	95	57	-3	0.00	0.47	1.14	30.57	33.12
Southwest	Норе	92	54	-3	0.00	0.11	1.77	24.75	35.60
	Texarkana	94	57	-2	0.00	0.03	1.36	22.53	29.80
	Camden	94	56	-2	0.03	0.86	1.49	20.30	35.37
S. Central	El Dorado	92	56	-4	0.00	0.40	1.41	30.12	37.61
·	Warren	92	58	-3	0.00	0.14	1.54	27.76	37.38
Southeast	Eudora	98	59	0	0.00	0.02	1.22	33.26	39.88
_ 0	Pine Bluff	93	58	-3	0.00	0.25	1.40	30.19	35.30
	Rohwer	92	59	-2	0.00	1.34	1.23	31.74	35.51

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